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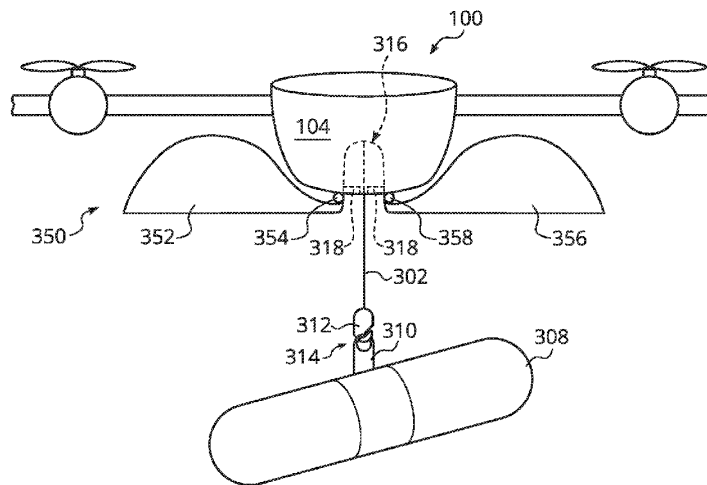


FIG. 3A

(57) Abstract: An apparatus and method for transporting a payload are disclosed herein. In embodiments, a system for transporting a payload includes an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) including a payload coupling apparatus, and a containment apparatus having an aerodynamic shape and including first and second openings. The containment apparatus is located external to the UAV and attaches to an underside of the UAV. The payload coupling apparatus passes through the first and second openings of the containment apparatus to couple with the payload, and the payload passes through the second opening to be positioned inside or outside the containment apparatus.

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